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Call for Nominations

The Governor's Arts Awards were established in 1971 to recognize individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the arts or cultural life of Tennessee. These awards are Tennessee's highest honor in the arts, celebrating the outstanding contributions of artists, arts organizations, volunteers, schools, educators, local governments, legislators and corporate citizens on the state or national level. Recipients will be honored in Nashville at The Tennessee Residence in the spring of 2013 during a ceremony produced by the Tennessee Arts Commission.

Award Categories

Folklife Heritage Award

Presented to folk artists or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to artistic tradition. The award honors significant achievements within art forms that are rooted in the traditional or ethnic cultures of Tennessee.

Arts Leadership Award

Presented to arts organizations, businesses, educators, patrons, arts administrators, corporations and volunteers that have demonstrated significant support or participation in activities on a statewide basis that advances the value of the arts in Tennessee communities.

Distinguished Artist Award

Presented to Tennessee artists of exceptional talent and creativity in any discipline who have contributed to the arts and influenced directions, trends and aesthetic practices on a state and national level.

Nomination Process

- This form should be completed online, printed and returned to the Tennessee Arts Commission with all required information, including a narrative about the nominee and at least three, but no more than five letters of support. The items supplied with the nomination form are expected to clearly represent the nominee's strengths and contributions to the arts in Tennessee.
- Nominations may be submitted by organizations or individuals. The Commission will only accept one nomination in each award category from individual(s) submitting nominations.
- Nominees for a Governor's Arts Award must be a Tennessee organization or individual living in or with close ties to Tennessee. (No awards will be presented posthumously.)
- Prior recipients are not eligible for the 2013 Governor's Arts Awards. ([See History](#)).
- Recipients are selected by an inter board committee of the Tennessee Arts Commission comprised of the Commission's board members and representatives from the Governor's and First Lady's offices.
- Nomination forms and letters of support must be received by the Tennessee Arts Commission no later than 4:30 P.M. CST, on February 1, 2013.

☐ Folklife Heritage Award ☐ Arts Leadership Award ☐ Distinguished Artist Award
(Select one)

1. Information on Individual Nominee (Folklife Heritage Award, Arts Leadership Award, or Distinguished Artist Award nominees)

Name of Nominee: _____ Title (if applicable): _____

Nominee's Organization(s), (if any): _____

Nominee's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) ____-____ Cell Phone: (____) ____-____ Work Phone: (____) ____-____

Email Address: _____

2. Information on Organization, Community, or Business Nominee (Arts Leadership Award nominees only)

Name of Nominee: _____

Name and Title of Organization's Chief Authorizing Official: _____

Authorizing Official's work phone: (____) ____-____ Authorizing Official's cell phone: (____) ____-____

Authorizing Official's Email Address: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Nomination Submitted by: _____ Title (if any): _____

Organization (if any): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) ____-____ Cell Phone: (____) ____-____ Work Phone: (____) ____-____

Email Address: _____

(see further instructions below)

Required Information

The nomination form and required information is expected to be a clear representation of the nominee's strengths and contributions to the arts in Tennessee and should reflect why the individual, organization, community or business is being nominated for a specific category. Please provide, in the following order:

- Nomination Form (writable PDF format above)
- Narrative – On a separate 8½" x 11" paper, provide a double spaced narrative of no more than five pages detailing the nominee's contribution to the arts in a specific award category and why the individual, organization, community or business merits consideration for a Governor's Arts Award.
- Letters of Support – At least three, but no more than five current letters of support are required for each nomination. Support letters provide the selection committee important testimonies and additional information about your nominee. Letters may be written by colleagues, board members, community leaders, educators, etc. Support Letters **MUST** be included in the nomination package with the above information and should not be mailed under separate cover.

Please Note: In order to simplify the nomination process, we have eliminated all support material requirements other than the narrative and letters of support. **DO NOT SEND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT MATERIAL.**

For information about the nomination process, please contact Hal Partlow at 615-532-9801 or hal.partlow@tn.gov.

Please return to:
Tennessee Arts Commission
401 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37243-0780

For accessibility accommodation requests including alternate digital formats, captioning, ASL, and assistive technologies please contact the Tennessee Arts Commission's 504 Coordinator, William Coleman, at 615-532-9797 or william.coleman@tn.gov.